GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:671
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2007
USE OF NEEM TOOTHPASTE
Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Canadian Health Department had advised people against using a neem toothpaste from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Health Canada has advised people against using neem toothpaste with calcium manufactured by Calcutta Chemical Co. Ltd. in India, which allegedly contained high levels of Diethylene Glycol and harmful bacteria.

(c) & (d) The samples of neem toothpaste (Batch No. CL-7M, Mfg. dated 05/2007, Mfg. by M/s. Henkel India Ltd. Chennai-18) were got tested in Pharmacopoeial Laboratory of Indian Medicine, Ghaziabad and Diethylene Glycol was not detected.